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§14–101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Director” means the Director of MEMA.
- (c) “Emergency” means the threat or occurrence of:
  - (1) a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, and any other disaster in any part of the State that requires State assistance to supplement local efforts in order to save lives and protect public health and safety; or
  - (2) an enemy attack, act of terrorism, or public health catastrophe.
- (d) (1) “Emergency management” means the preparation for and carrying out of functions in an emergency in order to save lives and to minimize and repair injury and damage that result from emergencies beyond the capabilities of local authorities.
  - (2) “Emergency management” does not include the preparation for and carrying out of functions in an emergency for which military forces are primarily responsible.
- (e) “Local organization for emergency management” means an organization established by a political subdivision or other local authority under § 14-109 of this subtitle.
- (f) “MEMA” means the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.
- (g) “Political subdivision” means a county or municipal corporation of the State.

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